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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Plague and smallpox.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 11, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that no further case of plague has occurred in Japan proper since the date of my letter of May 4, and this, despite the arrival from Formosa of 2 cases of the malady at the port of Kobe upon the 5th instant, per steamships *Tainan Maru*, from Kelung, and *Chiyoda Maru*, from Tainan. Both vessels are at present in quarantine.

One undoubted and one suspicious case of smallpox were removed from the U. S. transport *Indiana*, at Nagasaki, on May 6, and some three instances of the same disease are reported to have been met with in Tokyo within a few days.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague increasing in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last report of May 11 no case of plague has been met with in Japan proper. The double importation of this disease from Formosa to Kobe, May 6, already reported to you, has been followed by no further infection. The epidemic seems to be increasing in Formosa, as the governor-general of that island is reported to have telegraphed, two days ago, to the sanitary authorities that the pest is virulent in many districts. Since the beginning of the year the same official gives the total number of detected cases as 1,605, and the new cases in the week immediately preceding his dispatch as 552.

A severe outbreak of trachoma is returned as prevailing in Shidzuoka and its neighborhood.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Health conditions good.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, *May 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 25, 1901:

There were no cases nor deaths from contagious diseases reported, and only 6 deaths reported from all causes.

On the steamship *Havana*, bound from Vera Cruz to New York via this port and Havana, a case of measles developed in a child after leaving Vera Cruz. The case was isolated in the female steerage compartment of the vessel, and the facts of the case set forth in the supplemental bill of health.

The smallpox epidemic in Merida grows progressively better, and the

small mortality from that disease can be accredited to the suburbs and adjacent villages, and not to the city proper.

The health condition in the shipping continues excellent.

Respectfully, S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Vera Cruz—One death from yellow fever.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *May 27, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this station during the week ended May 25, 1901:

One death from yellow fever occurred on the 21st, and during the week there were 2 deaths from pernicious malaria.

The weather has been extremely hot, the temperature averaging 90 degrees in this office.

The New Ward Line steamer *Esperanza* sailed from here on the 24th with 85 passengers; nearly all of her steerage passengers were returning Italian laborers from City of Mexico and Coatzacoalcos.

The second officer of the vessel was taken sick on the night of arrival with a chill, followed by fever. I was called to see him on the following morning and found him suffering from malaria. His last voyage had been to Tampico.

During the last week 7 vessels were inspected and given bills of health and 85 passengers were given certificates of health. I inclose the weekly mortality report.

Respectfully, D. E. DUDLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality report for the week ended May 25, 1901.

Yellow fever	1	Meningitis	3
Dysentery	3	Tuberculosis	8
Malaria	1	Smallpox	1
Penicious fever	1	From all causes	32

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *May 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report of transactions at this port for the week ended May 22, 1901.

The following vessels were inspected, receiving United States bills of health with U. S. Marine-Hospital certificates attached thereto: May 17, Norwegian steamship *Alabama*, Gjemre, master; crew, 18; passengers, 3; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans, direct; W. G. Thigpen, marine medical inspector, Louisiana State board of health. May 19, Norwegian steamship *Fulton*, Pettersen, master; crew, 14; passengers, none; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans, direct.

Two triplicates of the certificates issued to vessels, also 3 duplicates of certificates issued to passengers are inclosed herewith. One death occurred in the port of Bluefields on the 19th instant—a colored child,